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SUBJECT: MIDDLE EAST SITUATION

REF: STATE 203889

1. I WOULD LIKE TO GO WITH LINE STATE 203684. AIR CONTROLLERS HERE UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE PRETTY CLEAR IDEA OF US RESUPPLY FLIGHTS, AND POLITICAL LEVELS OF GOVT PLUS PRESS PROBABLY KNOW OR WILL KNOW VERY SHORTLY. IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR US TO TAKE INITIATIVE WITH GOVT, IN GENERAL TERMS OF STATE 203684, RATHER THAN HAVING TO RESPOND DEFENSIVELY. USEFUL FOR OUR CREDIBILITY.

2. I HAVE APPOINTMENT 0600 EST TUESDAY WITH DIRGEN FOREIGN MINISTRY, WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AUTHORITY USE STATE 203684.

3. IN ANY PUBLIC TREATMENT OF RESUPPLY FLIGHTS, WOULD BE MOST USEFUL FROM OUR STANDPOINT IF POINT COULD BE MADE THEY ARE NOT RPT NOT BEING STAGED THROUGH INTERMEDIATE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN POINTS. OTHERWISE, ANY ADMISSION OF FLIGHTS WILL BE TAKEN BY LEFTIST PRESS LOCALLY (AND WIDELY BELIEVED) AS CONFIRMATION THEIR SPURIOUS REPORTS OF US USE OF AKROTIRI. GOVT OF CYPRUS AND PROBABLY UK WOULD BE EMBARRASSED BY SUCH DEVELOPMENT, AND GOVT OF CYPRUS WOULD PROBABLY BE OBLIGED TO
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FLEX MUSCLES, MAKE STATEMENTS, AND "PROVE" TO ARABS THAT

BRITISH SBA'S NOT BEING USED AGAINST THEM. (EMBASSY ATHENS
MAY WISH TO COMMENT AS TO WHETHER IT WOULD ENCOUNTER SOMEWHAT
SIMILAR PROBLEM IF SUPPOSITION GOT AROUND WE WERE USING GREEK
FACILITIES.)

4. SOVIET SUPPLY FLIGHTS APPARENTLY ARE OVERFLYING CYPRUS AIR-
SPACE, PRESUMABLY WITHOUT CYPRUS GOVT PERMISSION. I INTEND TO
RAISE THIS QUESTION TO SOFTEN UP DIRGEN FOR OUR MESSAGE.

5. LOCAL PRESS TREATMENT US AND SOVIET SUPPLY EFFORTS REPORTED
NICOSIA 2125, 2124 AND 2119.
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